Price rise due to Gulf War

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of all the essential commodities have gone up since the outbreak of the Gulf War; if so, the increase item-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has also been shortage of various essential commodities in the market; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated and being contemplated by Government to contain the price rise and results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) A statement showing the percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities between 12-1-1991 and 2.2.1991 is attached.

(b) By and large, there has not been shortage of essential commodities on account of Gulf War.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Commodity	Percentage Variation in Wholesale Price Index 2-2-91 over 12-1-91
Rice	+1.1
Wheat	+7.6
Jowar	+4.0
Bajra	+5.5
Gram	+3.8
Arhar	+4.3
Moong	+3.4
Masoor	+15.0
Urad	+5.3
Potatoes	—10.5
Onions	—2.1
Milk	+0.8
Fish	—5.4
Meat	—1.3
Chillies	+13.9
Tea	+2.7
Kerosene	Steady
Atta	+2.5
Sugar	+1.8
Gur	—0.7
Salt	+1.3
Vanaspati	+4.6
Gingelly Oil	+2.1
Mustard Oil	+2.3
Coconut Oil	+3.3
Groundnut Oil	+5.6
Cotton Cloth (Mills)	+1.6
Soap (Loundry)	Steady
Soap (Toilet)	Steady
Matches	Steady
All Commodities	+1.0